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## **Grace Hudson Museum Curator To Present Special Illustrated Program at Museum**

***Opening the Frontier: Ships, Railroads & Pioneering Photographer  
A. O. Carpenter***

**Saturday, November 8, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.**

**SACRAMENTO** – On Saturday, November 8, special 45-minute illustrated presentations beginning at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. will precede book signing events at the California State Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento.

Marvin Schenck, curator at the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah, will present illustrated lectures on pioneering Mendocino photographer Aurelius O. Carpenter, whose work is currently featured at the California State Railroad Museum. Schenck served as project director for the *Aurelius O. Carpenter: Photographer of the Mendocino Frontier* exhibition, and his essay on A. O. Carpenter's photography career appears in the catalogue which accompanies the exhibit.

The California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry to presentations/book signings this day is included with regular Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$3 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under free. Attendance at each presentation is limited by available seating capacity to 135 on a first-come, first-served basis. Copies of the A.O. Carpenter exhibition catalogue, featuring an essay by Mr. Schenck, will be available for sale from the Museum Store, along with a full selection of holiday gift ideas. Book signing opportunities will follow each presentation this day.

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit CSRM Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most-visited interpretive railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-sq.ft. Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, call (916) 445-6645 or visit [www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org).

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